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For: STABILIZED PAROXETINE)
HYDROCHLORIDE FORMULATION)

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of June 1, 2006, kindly enter this paper in the record.
This paper contains the following sections:

- (1) **Amendments to the claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- (2) **Remarks**, which begin on page 8 of this paper.

In view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

In the event that any issues remain that can be overcome most easily through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (202) 772-5800.

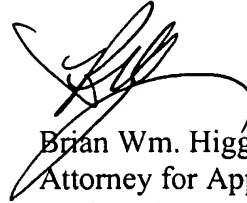
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hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for such an extension for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (Atty. Ref. No. 124907-00NEW).

Respectfully submitted,

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